

CHUCK HAGEL

Mr. President, for the past 12 years, I have had the privilege of serving in the Senate with my friend CHUCK HAGEL. Upon his retirement from the Senate, I wanted to take a moment to tell him how much he will be dearly missed. CHUCK HAGEL will be missed not just by his colleagues in the Senate, but also by those Americans for whom he is dedicated his career to fight while serving in Washington, DC.

Although we sit on opposite sides of the aisle, I have found myself standing with Senator HAGEL on numerous occasions. Just in the past couple of years, we have fought for increased pay for our troops, establishing a center dedicated to the rehabilitation, treatment, and research of servicemembers blinded in combat, and advocating for additional mental health care resources for servicemembers returning from combat.

Because of Senator HAGEL's dedication to stand up for those who have fought for our country, we have a modernized GI bill. We have a GI bill that more accurately reflects the sacrifices that our men and women in uniform are making. A modernized benefits package that will cover the majority of tuition costs for our returning servicemembers, and I was proud to stand with him in that effort as well.

His service to our country has been truly admirable. Senator HAGEL has had a truly remarkable career representing the State of Nebraska. I thank him for his service to our country. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

JOHN WARNER

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, my friend JOHN WARNER, the very distinguished gentleman from Virginia, has decided to retire from the Senate after 30 years of exemplary service.

JOHN and I were sworn in as Senators on the same day. While our paths had crossed a few times before becoming Members of this body, we became good friends and neighbors as well as competitors on the tennis courts.

Before JOHN was elected to the Senate, he had achieved national prominence as the Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. He also had served as Secretary of the Navy.

As a Senator, JOHN has served prominently as chairman of the Armed Services Committee where he worked effectively on shipbuilding issues that were important to both of our States.

JOHN WARNER has served with great distinction in the Senate. He has earned the respect of all Senators because of his stewardship and his sense of responsibility for our national security interests, which he has done so much to protect.

The Senate, the State of Virginia, and the Nation will greatly miss having the benefit of JOHN WARNER's steady hand at the helm.

WAYNE ALLARD

Mr. President, it has been a genuine pleasure to serve in this body with the

distinguished Senator from Colorado, WAYNE ALLARD. He has made significant contributions through his thoughtful and effective leadership for the betterment of our country.

He has brought to the challenge of public service a seriousness of purpose and sense of responsibility to do this job well, not for personal aggrandizement but for the improvement of our national security and our Nation's economy.

In the process, he has reflected credit on his State of Colorado and his family. His personal qualities of humility and trustworthiness have aided him as he has worked to contribute to the quality of this legislation we have enacted.

WAYNE ALLARD is one of the most respected Members of this body. He is also one of the best like Senators. We are certainly going to miss having the benefit of his leadership.

We wish him well in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO MARTIN AND SEIBERT L.C.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate one of the most upstanding and intellectually accomplished law firms in the country on its historic 100 years in practice. Yes, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the premier regional law firm of Martin and Seibert L.C., which has offices in Martinsburg and Charleston, WV, Winchester, VA, and Hagerstown, MD. The firm, founded in 1908, offers an extraordinarily high level of professional, competent, and courteous service. Nestled in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia and surrounding environs, it is respected throughout the area. I would like to ask my esteemed colleague, Senator ROCKEFELLER, if he shares my appreciation of the unique history and many accomplishments of this exemplary firm?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Let me assure the Senator that I am very well aware of the numerous and considerable contributions that have been made by the law firm of Martin and Seibert L.C. over the past century. The grandfather of one of the firm's current top partners, Clarence E. Martin III, was an American original. The first Clarence E. Martin was what one might call "the real deal." Not only an astonishing legal mind, he was also a pioneer, a leader, and was knighted by two Popes for his service to the church and community, a tradition that has been carried on by subsequent members of the firm. Clarence E. Martin not only founded Martin and Seibert L.C., but was one of only two West Virginians, and the only practicing West Virginia lawyer ever, to serve as president of the American Bar Association, ABA, from 1932 to 1933.

Martin and Seibert L.C. has grown surely and steadily over the past century. Clarence Martin founded the firm along with Cleveland M. Seibert. These

two men brought national attention to West Virginia, and the solid foundation they built for Martin & Seibert, L.C. remains evident today. The firm constantly strives to provide both the best possible service for its clients, and responsible leadership for its community.

Mr. BYRD. I know that my esteemed colleague, Senator ROCKEFELLER, joins me in taking this opportunity to congratulate Martin and Seibert L.C. on the 100th anniversary of the establishment of their firm. May God grant them many more years of success and service to the people of West Virginia and surrounding localities.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

PRIVATE JORDAN P. THIBEAULT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to PVT Jordan P. Thibault of South Jordan, UT, who recently lost his life in Iraq while serving with the 1st Armored Division.

I believe it is my solemn duty to learn about the lives of those Utah servicemembers who have fallen in the defense of our Nation.

Looking back on the 7 years of this conflict, I have always been stuck by theses remarkable men and women. Such is the case with PVT Jordan Thibault.

He is remembered by the Utah community as a young man who grew up loving to ride bikes, act in plays, and known as a helpful and hard-working young man.

I was struck by the words of his family who released a statement on their son's passing. So I will take this opportunity to share with the Senate the moving words from the Thibault family:

Mankind today is faced with terrible calamities. Only a select few are willing to forgo comforts of home, indeed the very promise of a brighter future, to place themselves between the forces of hate and oppression and the human spirit yearning for peace and safety . . . [Jordan Thibault's] passing should give hope to all that there are still those among us who are willing to give the ultimate sacrifice to keep mankind safe and free.

Mr. President, no truer words have been spoken on the floor of the Senate. Those eloquent words are not only a wonderful tribute but firm evidence of the quality of the family that raised such a fine man.

MAJOR GENERAL RANDALL D. MOSLEY

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague Senator TESTER, to recognize MG Randall D. Mosley, Adjutant General for the great state of Montana. MG Randall D. Mosley has served our Nation and the State of Montana for over 38 years and has recently retired. The Montana Guard was established in 1889. Since then, few adjutant generals have faced as many challenges as Major General Mosley. We Montanans were so lucky to have such a great citizen soldier at the helm of our National Guard. I want to take a few moments to recount the career of this great Montanan.